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Committe's Petition

To his Excellency, George Washington, Esqr. General and Commander in Chief of the Army of the United States of America.

Sir: We the subscribers being a committe appointed by the inhabitants on the Northern frontier of the New Hampshire Grants humbly beg your Excellency will please to hear our addres and grant us relief in our distressed and dangerous situation.

From the earliest commencement of the present war, we have took an active part with the United States against their enemies on which account our settlements have been frequently invaded, plundered, and destroyed by the enemy. Ever since the evacuation of Ticonderoga, Mount Independance, &c. by Gen. St. Clar, we have been defenceless, open and exposed to the ravages of the enemy, and in duty to our country, as well as for our own defence guarding an extensive frontier near Lake Champlain. By incessant scouting and perpetual fatigue, under innumerable disadvantages, perils and difficulties, by which means many of our neighbors have been killed or disabled, and numbers are now prisoners in Canada. At this very day the enemy are in full possession of Lake Champlain, by several fortifications and vessels of force, ready to invade us at pleasure.

Whilst we are destitute of sufficient guards and every other means of defence, moreover our Territorial situation prevents us from obtaining necessary supplies of military stores from any friendly port; if the enemy should invade us under these circumstances as we have reason to fear and expect we must undoubtedly fall a prey to their superiority.

We therefore humbly pray your Excelleney will please to order Col. Seth Warner and his regiment to our assistance, who have been sufferers with us, are chiefly men belonging to these Grants and well

acquainted with our Frontiers, as well as adjacent parts now in the enemies possession. Or if your Excelleney thinks more proper to send other troops to our assistance we shall joyfully acknowledge the favor and join head and hands with them for our common defence, as we ever remain

Sir Your most Obedient
an most humble servants,

Jacob Rubach
Shaddeus Curtis
John Smith
Samuel Beach
Whitefield Foster
Committe

Signed in behalf of upwards of three hundred inhabitants residing on the frontier of the New Hampshire Grants, near Lake Champlain by order of said inhabitants, this 10th day of February. 1780